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9 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
11 EASTERN DIVISION

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13 **MICHAEL GRIMES,**

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 **J. BEARD, et al.,**

17 Defendants.

18 EDCV15-2267 ODW (AGR)

**NOTICE OF NON-OPPOSITION
TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO
STAY OF PROCEEDINGS**

Judge: The Honorable Alicia G.
Rosenberg
Action Filed: November 3, 2015

19 Defendants J. Beard, P. Cholakyan, S. Kernan,¹ and T. Palmer ("Defendants")
20 respectfully submit this Notice of Non-Opposition to Plaintiff Michael Grimes's
21 ("Plaintiff") motion seeking a stay of proceedings.

22 On June 17, 2016, the Magistrate Judge filed a Report and Recommendation
23 recommending that the complaint be dismissed with leave to amend. (ECF No. 31.)
24 The Court explained that Plaintiff's claims were barred by the favorable termination
25 rule under *Heck v. Humphrey*, 512 U.S. 477, 486–87 (1994), and *Edwards v.*

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27 ¹ As the official successor of named defendant J. Beard, Defendant S. Kernan
has been substituted in his official capacity for Defendant Beard in his official
28 capacity pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d).

1 *Balisok*, 520 U.S. 641, 648 (1997) and that Plaintiff failed to allege sufficient facts
2 to allege plausible Eighth Amendment and due process claims. (*Id.*) On June 23,
3 2016, Plaintiff filed a “Motion for Clarification” (ECF No. 33), which the Court
4 construed as objections to the Report and Recommendation (ECF No. 34.)

5 On July 11, 2016, Plaintiff filed a “Motion to Dismiss Case Without
6 Prejudice,” in which he explained that he intends to pursue writ relief in a state
7 court, presumably to challenge his disciplinary guilty finding for failing to provide
8 a urine sample as part of the Mandatory Random Urinalysis Program, which
9 resulted in a loss of good-time credits. (ECF No. 35.) On July 21, 2016, the Court
10 construed that Motion as further objections to the Report and Recommendation and
11 as a “motion seeking a stay rather than dismissal.” (ECF No. 36.)²

12 In light of the Court’s power to stay the present civil action until Plaintiff’s
13 writ challenge to his loss of good-time credits, *Wallace v. Kato*, 549 U.S. 384, 393–
14 94 (2007) (citing *Heck*, 512 U.S. at 484, 487–88; *Edwards*, 520 U.S. at 649),
15 Defendants hereby inform the Court that they do not oppose the construed motion
16 to stay of proceedings so that Plaintiff may pursue writ relief in a state court.

Dated: July 22, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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² Also on July 21, 2016, the Magistrate Judge issued an Amended Report and Recommendation, which also recommended dismissal of Plaintiff's complaint. (ECF No. 37.)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Case Name: Grimes v. Beard, et al. No. EDCV15-2267 ODW (AGR)

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on July 22, 2016, at Los Angeles, California.

D. Arciniega
Declarant

/s/ D. Arciniega
Signature